1   What is claimed is:

2   1.   An electronic-mail (e-mail) method for distributing an e-mail message to

3   selected ones of a pre-determined distribution list, comprising:

4   addressing the e-mail message to the pre-determined distribution list; and

5   selecting a subtractive list, which when applied to the pre-determined distribution

6   list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members of the pre-determined

7   distribution list not present in the subtractive list.

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9   2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

10   providing the e-mail message to an e-mail server operable to distribute the e-mail

11   message to the modified distribution list.

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13   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the e-mail server is further operable to

14   apply the subtractive list to the pre-determined distribution list to determine the modified

15   distribution list.

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17   4.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

18   applying the subtractive list to the pre-determined distribution list to determine the

19   modified distribution list; and

20   distributing the e-mail message to the modified distribution list.

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22   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the e-mail message is distributed via an e-

23   mail server, the method further comprising:

1   submitting at least an indicator of the pre-determined distribution list and of the

2   subtractive list to the e-mail server so that the e-mail server may determine the modified

3   distribution list; and

4   receiving from the e-mail server data to facilitate distributing the e-mail message

5   to the modified distribution list.

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7   6.   The method of claim 5, further comprising:

8   receiving from the e-mail server an indicator of the modified distribution list; and

9   automatically re-addressing the e-mail message to indicator of the modified

10   distribution list, wherein the e-mail server is operable to distribute the e-mail message.

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12   7.   The method of claim 1, wherein the distribution list is a selected one of: a

13   manually created list, and an automatically generated list identifying members sharing a

14   common characteristic.

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16   8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

17   providing at least an identifier for the pre-determined distribution list and of the

18   subtractive list to a list server operable to apply the subtraction list to the pre-determined

19   distribution list to determine the modified distribution list; and

20   receiving data from the list server to facilitate performing said distributing the e-

21   mail message to the modified distribution list.

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1   9.   The method of claim 5, wherein the distribution server includes an e-mail

2   server functionality.

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4   10.   An electronic-mail (e-mail) method for distributing an e-mail message to

5   selected ones of a pre-determined distribution list, comprising:

6   receiving an e-mail message addressed to a first indicator for a pre-determined

7   distribution list;

8   receiving a second indicator for a subtractive list, which when applied to the pre-

9   determined distribution list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members

10   of the pre-determined distribution list not present in the subtractive list; and

11   distributing the e-mail message to each member of the modified distribution list.

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13   11.   The method of claim 10, further comprising:

14   first identifying, based at least in part on the first indicator, the members of the

15   pre-determined distribution list;

16   second identifying, based at least in part on the second indicator, the members of

17   the subtraction list; and

18   determining the modified distribution list based at least in part on membership of

19   the pre-determined list and the subtraction list.

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21   12.   An article comprising a machine-accessible media having associated data

22   for distributing an e-mail message to selected ones of a pre-determined distribution list,

23   wherein the data, when accessed, results in a machine performing:

1   addressing the e-mail message to the pre-determined distribution list; and

2   selecting a subtractive list, which when applied to the pre-determined distribution

3   list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members of the pre-determined

4   distribution list not present in the subtractive list.

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6   13.   The article of claim 12 wherein the machine-accessible media further

7   includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:

8   providing the e-mail message to an e-mail server operable to distribute the e-mail

9   message to the modified distribution list.

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11   14.   The article of claim 12 wherein the machine-accessible media further

12   includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:

13   applying the subtractive list to the pre-determined distribution list to determine the

14   modified distribution list; and

15   distributing the e-mail message to the modified distribution list.

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17   15.   The article of claim 12, wherein the e-mail message is distributed via an e-

18   mail server, and wherein the machine-accessible media further includes data, when

19   accessed, results in the machine performing:

20   submitting at least an indicator of the pre-determined distribution list and of the

21   subtractive list to the e-mail server so that the e-mail server may determine the modified

22   distribution list; and

1   receiving from the e-mail server data to facilitate distributing the e-mail message

2   to the modified distribution list.

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4   16.   The article of claim 15 wherein the machine-accessible media further

5   includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:

6   receiving an indicator of the modified distribution list; and

7   automatically re-addressing the e-mail message to indicator of the modified

8   distribution list, wherein the e-mail server is operable to distribute the e-mail message.

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10   17.   The article of claim 15 wherein the machine-accessible media further

11 includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:

12   providing at least an identifier for the pre-determined distribution list and of the

13 subtractive list to a list server operable to apply the subtraction list to the pre-determined

14 distribution list to determine the modified distribution list; and

15   receiving data from the list server to facilitate performing said distributing the e-

16 mail message to the modified distribution list.

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18   18.   An article comprising a machine-accessible media having associated data

19 for distributing an e-mail message to selected ones of a pre-determined distribution list,

20 wherein the data, when accessed, results in a machine performing:

21   receiving an e-mail message addressed to a first indicator for a pre-determined

22 distribution list;

1   receiving a second indicator for a subtractive list, which when applied to the pre-

2   determined distribution list, determines a modified distribution list comprising members

3   of the pre-determined distribution list not present in the subtractive list; and

4   distributing the e-mail message to each member of the modified distribution list.

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6   19.   The article of claim 18 wherein the machine-accessible media further

7   includes data, when accessed, results in the machine performing:

8   first identifying, based at least in part on the first indicator, the members of the

9   pre-determined distribution list;

10   second identifying, based at least in part on the second indicator, the members of

11   the subtraction list; and

12   determining the modified distribution list based at least in part on membership of

13   the pre-determined list and the subtraction list.